

MARY ANN SOUTHWICK POWELL

Lehi Centennial History 1850-1950

Mary Ann Southwick Powell was born in Lehi, Utah, October 16, 1866. She was the daughter of William and Martha Jane Coleman Southwick. She was blessed by E.H. Davis and at the age of eight was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ by Jacob Bushman.

Her schooling was in the Old Thurman School Building, the old Courthouse and the Third Ward. The teachers that had a great influence on her life were Edgar Ross, Samuel Thurman, James Gaddie, and Sarah Prime Evans.

Her mother, being a midwife, was compelled to be away from home a great deal of the time, which left the duties of the home to the daughters.

Mary Ann was married to Benjamin Powell, November 4, 1886, by Bishop T.R. Cutler. To them were born three children, two daughters still living. They are LaVerd (Mrs. Robert Kelly) and Mary (Mrs. L.D. Anderson).

She did practical nursing and like her mother, helped bring many babies into the world.

She was a Relief Society teacher and treasurer of that organization for over twenty years.

Her desire was to do temple work and this she accomplished, going two or three days a week, until her health failed.

She now spends her winters in Boise, Idaho, with her daughter, returning to the old family home in the summer where she loves to be. At the age now of 83

years, she still loves to read and sew and do what household duties she is able to do.